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ACCEPTOR MOLECULES FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed on April 11, 2001. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the office action.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

~~Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5-9, 13, 14 and 21 without prejudice.~~

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10-12, 15, 18 and 20, and add new claim 24 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for determining the presence of a target nucleotide, the method comprising the steps of:

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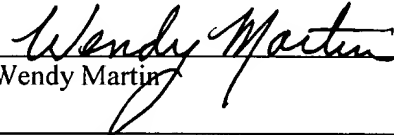
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